Pending cases in Family Courts

605. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) if so, the measures taken to get the cases decided speedily; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of pending cases in Family Courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. C. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pendency of cases in Family Courts is being monitored by the Department of Justice on quarterly basis. In view of the rising number of cases, all State Governments have been requested to set up adequate number of Family Courts for their speedy disposal.

Cases pending with the Karnataka High Court

606. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of different categories pending so far with the Karnataka High Court; as on date; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to clear all the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. C. THOMAS): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) Both Government and Judiciary are concerned with pendency of cases in the Judiciary, including in the High Court of Karnataka. A series of steps have been taken for the speedy disposal of cases. High Courts have been requested to implement the recommendations of the Malimath Committee to streamline procedure which will, *inter-alia*, expedite disposal of pending cases. Government have also been constantly reviewing the accumulation of arrears in courts. Besides reviewing the pendency of cases and increasing judge strength of High Courts every three years, Government have also encouraged setting up of alternative modes of dispute resolution including conciliation, mediation and arbitration.

Special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunal, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Labour Courts

and Consumer Courts, have been set up to expedite the disposal of cases. Information Technology is being used in generation of causelists, providing information to the litigants and advocates, for speedy disposal of cases. A Pilot project has been started for Networking and Computerisation of City Courts in the four metrocities of Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai to serve as a model. The project is aimed at augmenting capacities of courts and speeding up their disposal through better court management with the help of information technology. Fast Track Courts have been established for speedy disposal of pending cases.

Statement

Category- wise break up of pending cases as on 31.3.2003 in the High Court of Karnataka

Description of cases	Cases pending as on 31-3-2003
1	2
Main, Original, Civil	61665
Main, Original, Criminal	42
Main, Appellate, Civil	39952
Main, Appellate, Criminal	9242
Total Main cases	**110901**
Misc. Original, Civil	0
Misc. Original, Criminal	0
Misc. Appellate, Civil	0
Misc. Appellate, Criminal	0
Total Misc. cases	**0**
GRAND TOTAL	110901

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

†607. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.